

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

702 KAR 7:065

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the appointment of an at-large member to the KHSAA Board of Control?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Control. The addition of outside members with possible financial expertise was felt to be a way of broadening the expertise of the Board relative to governance issues.

The Constitution of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Article IV, Section 2 was amended to read as follows:

“Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.”

It further notes that:

“Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.”

Current at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

- Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser 2004 – 2007 Term Expiration date: June 30, 2007
- *Mr. L. V. McGinty 2004 – 2008 Term Expiration date: June 30, 2008
- *Dr. Steve Parker 2005 - 2009 Term Expiration date: June 30, 2009
- Ms. Lea Wise Prewit 2006 – 2010 Term Expiration date: June 30, 2010

* Currently serving their second term.

Policy Issues and Options:

Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser's term ends June 30, 2007. Mr. Schlosser is eligible for reappointment. The KHSAA appointment announcement was released in March 2007. The review process adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education is being used to identify candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position. Upon the review of recommended candidates, the Kentucky Board of Education will select an individual to serve the four-year term beginning July 2007 through June 2011. The appointee will be announced at the April Kentucky Board of Education meeting.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

As of the date this staff note was finalized, the process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position had yielded five potential applicants. However, the application period does not close until March 21 and interest from more potential applicants has been received. As specified in the KBE approved selection process, the KHSAA KDE Liaison to KHSAA will review all applications to determine if the minimum criteria were met. Based on the number of applicants received, a committee of reviewers will be formed to identify the best candidate for the position. Candidates will be rated on a scale of one to five (1 – 5). Based on the rating results, the top five candidates will be submitted to the Interim Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Education. After careful review of the top ranking candidates, the Interim Commissioner of Education will submit a recommendation under separate cover to the Kentucky Board of Education prior to the April meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Strong extracurricular programs, such as athletic programs, are often critical ways to keep some students in school. Appointments such as these are necessary to maintain the effective governance of such programs.

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